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PART IV-A

Rules and Orders (Other than those published in Parts I, I-A, and I-L) made by the Government of Gujarat under the Central Acts

HOME DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 20th June, 2025

BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.

No.GG/100/2025/SB.5/BNS/102025/GoI-15: In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023) in its application to the State of Gujarat, the Government of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

1. Short title, extent and commencement. -

(1) These rules may be called the Gujarat Audio-Video Electronic Means Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall extend to the whole of the State of Gujarat.

(3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.

2. Definitions. -

(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "audio-video electronic means" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Sanhita;

(b) "Designated platform" means an electronic platform or software approved by the State Government for the purposes specified under these rules;

(c) "Sanhita" means the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (46 of 2023);

(d) "State Government" means the Government of Gujarat.

(2) Words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Sanhita or the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).

3. The following electronic devices and platforms are specified as audio-video electronic means for the purposes of the Sanhita. -

(1) The audio/video proceedings recorded in the mobile phones or tablets of the authorized Police Officers.

(2) The audio/video proceedings recorded in the automated Government, semi- Government and Private CCTV cameras installed or located at various places within Gujarat and outside Gujarat.

(3) The audio/video proceedings recorded in the digital equipment, including digital cameras, digital video cameras, body-worn cameras, tablets or such other electronic equipment of the authorized Police Officers.

(4) Any such other electronic device(s), so authorized by the Police authority or by the State Government.

Explanation: For the purpose of this notification the police officers/officials who have been assigned e-Shakshya, e-Summons, Nyayshruti, e-Gujcop/CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems)/ICJS (Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System) shall be the authorized Police Officers.

4. Purpose of the audio-video electronic means specified in rule 3. –

The audio-video electronic means specified under rule 3 shall be used for, -

(a) conducting video conferencing for court proceedings, including examination of witnesses, recording of statements, and hearing of bail applications;

(b) recording processes of identification of accused persons or suspects;

(c) documenting search and seizure operations conducted by police or other authorized officers;

(d) collection, preservation, and transmission of evidence in electronic form;

(e) facilitating communication between courts, police stations, and forensic laboratories for case-related coordination.

5. Security and Compliance Standards. -

(1) All audio-video electronic means used under these rules shall comply with the security and encryption standards prescribed under the Information Technology Act, 2000, and any guidelines issued by the State Government or the Central Government.

(2) The designated platforms shall ensure end-to-end encryption and secure storage of recorded data to prevent unauthorized access or tampering.

(3) All recordings made through audio-video electronic means shall be stored in a secure repository maintained by the concerned authority for a period as specified under the Sanhita or other applicable laws.

6. Procedure for use. -

(1) The use of audio-video electronic means shall be supervised by an officer authorized under the Sanhita, such as a Judicial Magistrate, police officer, or other designated authority, as the case may be.

(2) The authorized officer shall ensure that the identity of participants in video conferencing or other electronic processes is verified before commencement.

(3) A record of all proceedings conducted through audio-video electronic means shall be maintained, including the date, time, participants, and purpose of the communication.

(4) A copy of the audio video recorded electronically by the investigating officer shall be sent to the concerned Magistrate within 48 hours.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

SHRADDHA PARMAR,

Under Secretary to Government.

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